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For : MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND FASTENERS

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 08/839,199, filed April 23, 1997.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the ☒ specification; ☒ claims; ☒ abstract; ☒ declaration; ☒ power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- ☐ Newly executed (original or copy).
- ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☒ The prior application, Application No. 08/839,199, filed April 23, 1997, is assigned of record to Vascular Science Inc.

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Also transmitted herewith are:

☒ 22 sheets of:

☒ Formal drawings.

☐ Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

☐ An assignment of the invention to _____

☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recording fee.

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☐ An associate power of attorney.

☐ A certified copy of the priority document, _____ application, No. _____, filed _____.

☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 ☐ is enclosed, ☒ was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a)).

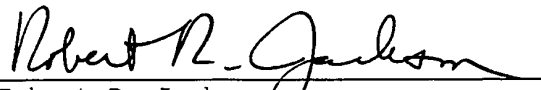
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TOTAL CLAIMS	24 - 20 = 4	x \$ 9	= \$	36.00
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